

October 15, 2001

Mr. Kamau Philbert Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

Dear Mr. Philbert:

In reference to MUR 5103, enclosed is an article which appeared in today's online edition of The Business Journal of Phoenix. This article refers to Acacia National Mortgage and its spamming practices.

In our previous correspondence with you, we were able to associate Acacia National Mortgage with the malicious spamming practices against Susan Bitter Smith in her campaign for Congress. This includes fraudulent phone messages and also defamatory faxes sent out to voters in the Phoenix area.

Again, thank you for your time and effort in reviewing this case. If you have any questions, please call me at (602) 957-3434.

Sincerely,

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Breaking News

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Verizon settles anti-spam suit

Verizon Wireless today announced it has reached a settlement with Arizona-based Acacia National Mortgage Co. that stops the lender from sending repeated, unsolicited commercial text messages, or spam, to Verizon Wireless customers.

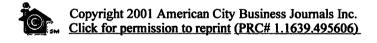
In response to customer complaints in Arizona and Colorado, Verizon Wireless officials said the company filed a lawsuit against Acacia in Denver District Court, challenging the company's practice of sending spam under the Colorado Junk E-mail Law.

"Our goal was to stop Acacia National Mortgage Co. from spamming our customers," said Tom Roberts, vice president of marketing for Verizon Wireless' West Area in Irvine, Calif. "Today's settlement accomplishes that and puts other potential spammers on notice that Verizon Wireless will take all appropriate legal action to stop junk e-mail from clogging our customers' service."

Other terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Verizon Wireless provides wireless communications to more than 28.7 million wireless voice and data customers in the United States. The company is based in Bedminster, N.J.

A call to Acacia National Mortgage Co. for comment was not immediately returned.



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